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Re: Application of Haruo IMAWAKA, Tomoyuki HASEGAWA, Shigeru
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HOSHIKAWA and Saiko MATSUDA
BRANCHED CARBOXYLIC ACID COMPOUND AND USE THEREOF
Assignee: **ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**
Our Ref: Q92718

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references and a CD-ROM containing the references.
- ☒ Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee, upon consideration of the Preliminary Amendment is calculated as follows:

Total claims	19 - 20 = 0 x \$50.00 = \$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3 = 0 x \$200.00 = \$0.00
Base Fee	\$300.00
Search Fee*	\$400.00
Examination Fee*	\$200.00

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TOTAL FILING FEE	<u>\$900.00</u>
Recordation of Assignment	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FEE</u>	<u>\$940.00</u>

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-274988	July 15, 2003

Since January 15, 2006 (30 months from the priority date) fell on a Sunday, and the following Monday was a Federal holiday, the filing of this application on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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